GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue (Endowments) Department - Sanction of time scale to Vedaparayanadars, 2010 batch - Modification to the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.122, Revenue(Endowments.I) Department, dated 07-04-2015 - Orders - Issued.

Revenue (Endowments.I) Department

G.O.Ms.No. 520

Dated 12-07-2022
Read the following:

1. G.O.Ms.No.122, Revenue (Endowments.I) Department, dt.07-04-2015.
2. From the Commissioner of Endowments, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr. in Rc.No.A1/11025(42)/4/2022, dated 26/03/2022.

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ORDER:

A news paper notification dated 15.10.2010 was issued by the Commissioner of Endowments for filling up of Vedaparayandar posts in the Temples. After selection process, Vedapandits were appointed in the month of January, 2011 on consolidated pay of Rs.10,000/- per month without any mention of Grade. As on date (29) Vedapandits belong to that batch are working.

2. Government vide G.O. 1st read above, issued orders for sanction of time scale of Rs.8440-24950 (Jr. Asst. scale-2010 PRC) with allowances to the said Vedapandits of 2010 batch. After completion of 3 years of service, they were extended the time scale of 14860-39540 (Gr-III, Supdt. Scale) in RPS-2010 vide proceedings of Commissioner of Endowments in Rc.No.A2/27300/2014, dated 16.08.2018.

3. The Commissioner in his letter 2nd read above has reported that another notification was issued during the year 2016 for selection of the Vedaparayandars in the temples. After due process of selection, (41) Vedapandits were selected and were issued appointment orders on regular basis duly stating that they shall be eligible for Gr.IV Vedaparayandar Scale. Questioning the said orders in assigning Gr.IV scale some of Vedaparayandars of 2016 batch approached the Hon'ble High Court on the ground that as per the existing rules in force which were issued under G.O.Ms.No.261, Revenue (Endts.I) Department, dated 20.05.2002 there are Gr-I, II & III Vedapandits posts only, but there is no Gr-IV. The Hon'ble Court on 20.03.2021 in w.p.no.16812 of 2020 ordered as follows:

> "For the reasons mentioned above the petitioners are entitled to the Time scale of pay attached to the post of Vedaparayanadar from the date of their appointment as per Rules'2001. The Respondents are directed to pay the amount to the petitioners as per their entitlement in the Cadre of Vedaparayanadar Gr-III as expeditiously as possible."

(p.t.o.)

4. The said orders were confirmed by Divisional Bench also in W.A.No.378/2021 by orders dated 08.07.2021.

5. The Commissioner has further reported that in pursuance to the above orders extended the time scale of Gr-III from 07/2017 with notional service benefit of pay and allowances and extended monetary benefits from 08.07.2021 to Vedaparayandars of 2016 batch. But for the Vedaparayanadars of 2010 batch, whose services were regularized in the year 2015, Gr-III was given with effect from 16.08.2018 only. As a result, the Vedaparayanadars of 2010 batch became juniors to that of 2016 batch Vedaparayandars in the cadre of Grade-III Vedaparayanadars. Hence, Sri Pariti Somasekhara Sarma and (28) others, who belongs to 2010 batch have requested to extend Gr-III cadre to them with effect from their dated of appointment i.e., 11.01.2011.

6. The Commissioner of Endowments has requested the Government to rectify the Rs.8440-24950 scale given in G.O.Ms.No.122 Revenue (Endts.I) Dept., dated 07.04.2015 to the Vedapandits of 2010 batch with the scale of Rs.16400-49870 i.e. Grade-III scale, keeping in view of the said orders of Hon'ble High Court.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter in detailed and in modification of the orders issued in G.O.1st read above, hereby extend the time scale of Grade-III Rs.16,400 - 49,870 (2015 PRC) to the (29) Vedaparayandars who were recruited through paper notification in the year 2010 w.e.f. 07.04.2015 notionally i.e. date on which their services were regularized.

8. The Commissioner of Endowments, Vijayawada shall take necessary action, accordingly.

(BY ORDER IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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